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SUBJECT: FRANCE SUPPORTS U.S. FOR IMO COUNCIL

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(SBU) On September 22, MFA Deputy Director for International Organizations, Emmanuel Cocher, responded favorably to refel demarche on supporting the U.S. candidacy to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council. He explained that France, having already completed appropriate interagency reviews, would soon be formally notifying current Category A countries that it supports their reelection. Cocher added that one of France's goals at the IMO is "stabilize the membership within the categories." Therefore, Cocher requested that the U.S. support France's reelection bid to Category B, should the race be contested.
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